



Important Copayment Information: End of the Public Health Emergency (PHE)

May 11, 2023

At the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, the federal government declared a Public Health Emergency (PHE) and relaxed certain requirements to ensure Medicaid members could continue to access healthcare services. The federal government declared that the federal PHE will end on May 11, 2023. Starting May 12, 2023, some billing flexibilities and how MaineCare members access health care services will return to how they were prior to the PHE.

In accordance with federal requirements set forth in the American Rescue Plan Act, MaineCare will continue to cover COVID-19 testing, treatment, vaccines, and vaccine administration for all MaineCare members through September 30, 2024, without cost sharing. To comply with this requirement, MaineCare is waiving copayments for the following sections of the [MaineCare Benefits Manual](#) (MBM). Services are listed by section as described in the MBM; please reference the manual for complete descriptions of MaineCare policies.

Effective May 12, 2023, MaineCare reinstates copayments for the following sections of the MBM:

- 12: Consumer Directed Attendant Services
- 65: Behavioral Health Services
- 96: Private Duty Nursing and Personal Care Services

MaineCare will continue to waive copayments for the following sections of the MBM through September 30, 2024:

- 40: Home Health Services
- 45: Hospital Services
- 55: Laboratory Services
- 60: Medical Supplies and Durable Medical Equipment
- 80: Pharmacy Services
- 90: Physician Services
- 101: Medical Imaging Services

In accordance with P.L. 2021, Ch. 635 Section A-17, MaineCare is permanently removing copayments for the following Sections:

- 31: Federally Qualified Health Center Services
- 103: Rural Health Clinic Services

For questions about this document or the end of the PHE, please email DHHSMaineCareEndofPHE@maine.gov.